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SUBJ: COMMUNAL INCIDENT IN GALLE

1. LOCAL PRESS JANUARY 23 CARRIED REPORTS OF A COMMUNAL INCIDENT IN GALLE BETWEEN MUSLIMS AND SINHALESE. ACCORDING TO AN EMBASSY SOURCE, A SINHALESE "GANG" FOR SEVERAL MONTHS HAD BEEN FORCING MUSLIM SHOPKEEPERS TO PAY PROTECTION MONEY. WHEN MUSLIMS FINALLY OBJECTED AND REFUSED TO PAY, SINHALESE "GANG" ATTACKED SOME MUSLIMS AND BURNED SEVERAL MUSLIM SHOPS. SOME MUSLIMS WERE INJURED, BUT THERE WERE NO REPORTS OF DEATHS.
2. GOVERNMENT SENT A SPECIAL TEAM TO GALLE ON JANUARY 23 AND THE SITUATION WAS QUICKLY BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL.
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Message Attributes

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